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(*f*) & (*g*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to rules 1 and 74 of the rules in G.O. No. 1604, Law (Education), dated 12th November 1923, which apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Engineering schools.

(*h*) There is no such proposal at present.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know whether the hon. the Minister for Education thinks that the strength of these schools is not high ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I cannot answer that off-hand, Sir."

Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*h*), are the Government aware that proposals were sent by the Andhra University to improve the engineering school into a college at Vizagapatam ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" No action could be taken on the proposals of the Andhra University. The Andhras themselves are not agreed over the matter."

Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju :—" Is the hon. Minister aware that a unanimous resolution was passed by the members of the Andhra Senate that an Engineering College should be opened at Vizagapatam ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I am aware of that."

Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju:—" Does he propose to take any action thereon ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I cannot answer that question at present."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know, Sir, if the hon. the Chief Minister has looked into the question ? It relates to the engineering schools located at Vizagapatam and Trichinopoly."

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" But my hon. Friend Mr. Venkatapati Raju referred to the establishment of an engineering college and the answer also referred to that."

Local Boards

Proposals for the trifurcation of the Taluk Board, Rajahmundry, and District Board, East Godavari.

*763 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Taluk Board, Rajahmundry, and District Board, East Godavari, unanimously recommended the trifurcation of the Taluk Board, Rajahmundry, so that each taluk may have a board of its own ;

(*b*) whether such proposal was accepted by Government prior to the inauguration of the Reformed Council ;

(*c*) whether such proposal was kept in abeyance by the first Ministry formed under the Reforms Act ; and

(*d*) whether the Government will now accept the proposal made for trifurcation ?

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A.—(a) Both the Taluk Board and the District Board passed resolutions in June and July 1920 respectively in favour of the division of the Taluk Board into three boards. The Government have no information whether the resolutions were passed unanimously.

(b) & (c) Yes.

(d) The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know at what stage the matter now is, with reference to clause (d)?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The matter is engaging the attention of the Government. That is the stage to which it has got."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"Does the hon. the Minister recognize that the matter has been engaging the attention of the Government for the last seven years, and does he think that that time is not enough?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I have not been in charge of this portfolio for the last seven years."

Control of the inspecting staff by taluk boards.

*764 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have received suggestions to the effect that in the interests of advancement and better management of elementary education it is necessary to place the inspecting staff under the control of taluk boards which manage the institutions; and

(b) whether he will call for opinions of taluk boards and others on the above suggestions?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The Government do not support the idea of placing the inspecting staff under the control of local bodies. They do not propose to call for the opinions of taluk boards and others on the suggestion.

Bifurcation of the Tindivanam Taluk Board.

*765 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received the recommendations of the District Board of South Arcot regarding the bifurcation of the Tindivanam Taluk Board; and

(b) whether the Government has passed any orders on the question of bifurcation of the Tindivanam Taluk Board and whether they will place a copy of the recommendations of the District Board of South Arcot and the orders of the Government thereon, if any, on the table?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The resolution of the District Board and the Government Order thereon are laid on the table.[a]

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 393 infra.